

Claims

What is claimed is:

- 5 1. A fabric display comprising:
 a support arm having a first end attached to a support and a second end extending
 substantially horizontally from the support; an
 a fabric arm adapted to support a fabric sheet, the fabric arm comprising:
 a main segment having a rear end attached to the first end of the support arm
10 and a front end that extends forward from the rear end along one side of the support arm;
 a reverse bend at the front end of the fabric arm, wherein the reverse bend
 extends inwardly from the main segment toward the support arm; and
 a bend arm that extends substantially rearward from the reverse bend between
 the main segment and the support arm, wherein the bend arm is laterally spaced from the support
15 arm.
2. A fabric display as defined in claim 1, wherein a length of the bend arm is
 substantially less than a length of the main segment of the fabric arm.
- 20 3. A fabric display as defined in claim 2, wherein the length of the bend arm is
 approximately 20-30% of the length of the main segment of the fabric arm.
4. A fabric display as defined in claim 1, wherein the bend arm is selectively attached to
 the support arm.
- 25 5. A fabric display as defined in claim 4, wherein the bend arm includes a snap knob
 having a head adapted for releasable connection within an aperture formed in the support arm.
6. A fabric display as defined in claim 1, wherein the support arm is pivotably mounted
30 to a support surface.

7. A fabric display as defined in claim 6, wherein the support arm is connected to a frame, said frame comprising:

a pivot arm rotatably mounted to the support surface to pivot about a substantially vertical axis, wherein the first end of the support arm is attached to a top end of the pivot arm;

a handle arm attached to the second end of the support arm, the handle arm extending substantially parallel to the pivot arm; and

a cross brace attached to both the pivot arm and the handle to help support a load applied to the fabric arm.

8. A fabric display as defined in claim 7, wherein the cross brace extends substantially parallel to the support arm.

9. A fabric display as defined in claim 7, wherein the pivot arm is mounted for rotation between opposing brackets attached to a vertical support surface.

10. A fabric display as defined in claim 7, further comprising a handle attached to one end of the handle arm.

11. A fabric display as defined in claim 10, wherein the handle is formed integrally with the handle arm.

12. A fabric display as defined in claim 1, wherein a separate fabric arm is attached to each side of the support arm, and wherein each fabric arm is adapted to display a separate fabric sheet.

13. A fabric display as defined in claim 1, further comprising a plurality of support arms attached to the support to display a plurality of fabric sheets.

14. A fabric display as defined in claim 13, wherein a separate fabric arm is attached to each side of each support arm, and wherein each fabric arm is adapted to display a separate fabric sheet.

15. A method of displaying a fabric sheet on a substantially horizontal fabric arm, wherein the fabric arm includes a main segment extending forward to a front end of the fabric arm, a reverse bend at the front end of the fabric arm, and a bend arm extending rearwardly from the reverse bend so that the bend arm is substantially parallel to and laterally spaced from the main segment of the fabric arm, said method comprising the steps of:

(a) supporting the fabric sheet on the fabric arm so that a leading edge of the fabric sheet is positioned between the main segment and the bend arm of the fabric arm;

(b) sliding the leading edge of the fabric sheet forward along main segment of the fabric arm to the reverse bend; and

(c) sliding the leading edge of the fabric sheet rearward along the bend arm so that a roll edge of the fabric sheet is displayed at the front end of the fabric arm.

16. A method of displaying a fabric sheet as recited in claim 15, wherein a top end of the fabric sheet defines a loop, and wherein the supporting step (a) includes sliding the loop over the front end of the fabric arm until a leading edge of the loop extends beyond a rear end of the bend arm, and then sliding the leading edge of the loop forward along the main segment of the fabric arm and to the side of the bend arm until the leading edge of the loop is positioned between the main segment and the bend arm of the fabric arm.

17. A method of displaying a fabric sheet as recited in claim 15, wherein a rear end of the fabric arm is attached to a substantially horizontal support arm and the bend arm is selectively attached to the support arm, and wherein the method includes detaching the bend arm from the support arm prior to the supporting step (a) and then reattaching the bend arm to the support arm subsequent to the supporting step (a).

18. A method of displaying a fabric sheet as recited in claim 17, wherein the method further includes reattaching the bend arm to the support arm subsequent to the sliding step (c).

19. A method of displaying a fabric sheet as recited in claim 17, wherein the method further includes pivotably attaching the substantially horizontal support arm to support surface rod to allow the support arm and the attached fabric arm to pivot about a substantially vertical axis.

5 20. A method of displaying a fabric sheet as recited in claim 19, wherein the method further includes attaching a second fabric arm to an opposite side of the support arm from the first aforesaid fabric arm so that two separate fabric sheets can be displayed on a single support arm.